

REMARKS

The Applicant has filed the present Response in reply to the outstanding Official Action of January 19, 2006, and the Applicant believes the Response to be fully responsive to the Official Action for the reasons set forth below in greater detail.

At the onset, Applicant notes that Claims 24 and 30 have been cancelled herewith. The cancellation is without any prejudice to their introduction in any later filed related application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14, 19 and 25 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Igarashi JP08-242307 in view of Schwartz (U.S. Pat. 5,872,923).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection and traverses with at least the following analysis. The references do not teach, suggest or render obvious an “encoding means for encoding one or more frames of the decoded moving picture data into a compressed still picture data”, as recited in Claim 3 and similarly recited in Claims 4, 11 and 12.

Igarashi teaches a TV telephone capable of associating a still picture with data. The image processing means creates icon (still picture) from the received image (moving picture). The icon is registered in a column dedicated for images in the telephone directory database. The image is associated with the data. The data is stored and registered in a column of a telephone directory database. The data includes information such as a name, telephone number and address of the communicating party.

An icon is not compressed (still picture). Icons are usually made in bitmap format. In fact, Igarachi expressly states this fact. See paragraph 13 (receiving image data is developed to the bitmap).

Furthermore, *pro arguendo*, even if Igarashi discloses a compressed icon there is no disclosure regarding how to make the icon or how to compress the image.

Applicant also notes that Igarashi fails to teach, suggest or render obvious the limitation of "wherein said compressed still picture and said telephone number are registered with said telephone directory in JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) format, said telephone number being recorded in a comment segment of a JPEG file", as recited in the independent claims.

Schwartz does not cure these deficiencies.

Schwartz teaches that a still picture can be a JPEG image. The JPEG image can be associated with the caller. Schwartz uses a relational database. Each record within the database contains a plurality of fields, with one field being allocated to the picture, another allocated to the telephone number. "The invention stores the JPEG image in the video image field of the database record associated with the remote station's directory entry". Col. 12, lines 63-67.

In other words, a field dedicated to a telephone number (which is different from a field dedicated to a JPEG image) is included in a table of the database. Therefore, Schwartz does not teach that the telephone number is inserted in the comment segment of the JPEG image data, because in Schwartz there is no need to insert a telephone number into the comment segment of the JPEG image field in addition to inserting the telephone number into the field dedicated to the telephone number.

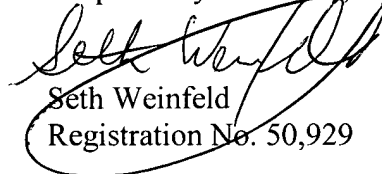
Therefore, Applicant submits that all of the independent claims are patentably distinct from the cited references as the references fail to teach, suggest or render obvious each and every limitation of the claims.

All of the dependent claims are patentable at least based upon their dependency from the independent claims for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicant submits that Skarbo et al., United States Patent No. 5,546,447 fails to cure the above-identified deficiencies.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 11, 12, 19-21, and 25-27 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In conclusion, the Applicant believes that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance and henceforth respectfully solicits the Examiner to allow the application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned, Applicant's attorney, at the following telephone number: (516) 742-4343.

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